

Forever Morgans Newsletter, December 2014

New Rescues

FM took in three horses in November.

1. **Bar Nothing Halo's Duce** (2001 black mare, rescued 11/2/14) came from a broker who showed how nice she is by riding her bareback down the road, where she calmly did her job and ignored traffic. When she went through the Mid-A Sale in 2008 her description said she is trained to both ride and drive, that she "drives with snap" and is "always looking for more miles". Duce is a handsome black mare with a calm demeanor and wonderful manners.
2. **Aquila's Zena** (pregnant 2005 bay mare, rescued 11/15/14) was purchased at the Superior Sale for \$500. Zena is incredibly bred, by Futurity Command and out of a Tug Hill Commando daughter, and was shown in hunter pleasure as a 3- and 4-year old. Her former trainer and rider said that she was very nice, soft in the bridle and a sweet mare who was very enjoyable to ride. Zena had a hip injury as a yearling that resulted in bone spurs/chips in a back pastern and ankle; these were aggravated when she was in training, so she was "retired" and sold to a supposedly good home to be a broodmare and pasture pet. Instead of keeping her, she was resold to an Amish farmer who didn't know about her past injury so used her as a broodmare and drove her. Zena was sometimes off while trotting, so he drove her several times a week but not every day and not for too many miles. She has had a thorough vet evaluation that determined that , although she should not be an Amish buggy horse anymore, she should be comfortable for pleasure use. Zena's foster home has been riding her lightly and says that she is a nice saddle horse who is easy to ride and pleasant to work with. She is very friendly and affectionate. She has been confirmed in foal, said to be due in May to a black stallion who is 1/4 Friesian and 3/4 Morgan.
3. **Sonja's Simple Faith** (2004 bay mare, rescued 11/24/14) was at the broker lot, already tagged to get on the truck for slaughter and ship the next day. FM immediately said we would take her. Once she was safe, we found out that Faith is "family" -- her sire, Regatt's Rainbow, was rescued by Forever Morgans and adopted in March 2013. Faith is now in quarantine in Pennsylvania but we have very little information on her and have been unable to contact her former owners. She appears to have marks from a collar and looks like she has been a driving horse. She is thin but gaining weight in QT.

Available Horses

Information on all available horses is on the FM website, <http://www.forevermorgans.org/horses.htm> . Most horses have downloadable pdfs with additional information that can be printed and shared. Please consider posting flyers about horses near you on local bulletin boards, feed stores, shows, etc..

As of 12/1/14, FM had 1 horse in quarantine, 6 others boarded, and 25 in foster.

Horses currently boarded:

The quarantine barn in Pennsylvania (Cindy Noll's) costs \$10 per day per horse. Fanny is boarded in WA at \$150/month. Reva is boarded in NY at \$200/month.

1. **Faith** is in quarantine. See notes in section above.
2. **Duce** completed QT and now enjoys being turned out at the QT barn, where she can stretch her legs and relax after years of pulling buggies. See notes in section above.
- 3-4. **Stan** (2013 brown gelding, rescued 10/19/14) and **Boxford Superwoman** (2004 chestnut mare, rescued 10/29/14) completed QT and are now boarded at the QT barn, waiting for adoptive or foster homes.
5. **Exeter's Allegra** (2003 black mare, rescued 9/8/14) is a stunningly beautiful mare who was raised with care and trained to ride, but is now a bit emotional and spooky after being passed through several owners in the months prior to being rescued. She needs a home where she can feel secure and relearn how to be the beautiful Morgan she was intended to be.
6. **Reva** (Runnymede's Revision, 1993 chestnut mare, rescued 2/10/13) is boarded in New York. There has been some interest in her, so hopefully someone will fall in love and adopt this gracious lady soon!
7. **LV Blaze** (Locust Valley Blaze, 1995 chestnut gelding, rescued 1/22/13) has overcome his aggression issues and is still waiting for a foster or adoptive home.

Horses transported to foster:

Four horses were transported to foster. All horses had a health certificate and vet check prior to transport.

1. **Darlin Diva** (2002 bay mare, rescued 10/19/14) went to a foster in New York on 11/7. Her foster has started riding her on trails, and although it seemed to be a new experience for her, she was wonderful and even led for part of the way. She is a gorgeous, curvy mare, trained to ride and drive, who tries to please and is easy to work with.
2. **Orcas Fantasy** (1997 chestnut mare, rescued 9/22/14) spent several weeks in Washington in QT and then being boarded before going to a foster home in northern Oregon on 11/22. Her foster is very impressed with her! Fanny is very friendly and smart, and although she is a little rusty under saddle she obviously has had some good training in her past and is very willing and easy over trail obstacles.
3. **A-L Joseph's Dream** (1995 bay gelding, rescued 10/20/14) went to a foster home in South Carolina on 11/23. His foster home noticed that he was still a bit sore from pounding the pavement and pulling a buggy, so he got some massages and TLC to make him feel better. His new family quickly fell in love with him!
4. **Adventure's Miss Ritz** (2000 bay mare, rescued 9/29/14) had a long trip to her foster home in Florida on 11/25. Her foster says that she is sensible and well-behaved, a kind mare who is a bit shy but likes to watch all the activity at the barn. Ritz is underweight and has wear marks on her shoulders from wearing

an ill-fitting harness, so her foster is giving her plenty of TLC. She was an Amish driving horse and doesn't seem to know anything about lunging or riding, but she is very sweet and willing. Ritz is a diamond in the rough who will really shine for someone who wants a project.

Horses in foster homes:

There are currently 25 horses in foster homes: Ally, Star & Wyatt (AZ), Cora (CA), Cappuccino & Ritz (FL), Alusive (GA), Edison (ID), Thumbelina & Sonja (IL), Black Lady (KS), Joy (NC), GG & Mitsey (NE), Diva, Steppin, Showy, Jess, Reva & Glory (NY), Sierra, Reflection & Jax (OK), Fanny & Lacy (OR), Kayla & Velvet (PA), Joseph (SC), Sailor (TN), and Chester (VT). (Horses in the same state may be in separate foster homes.)

- **Tazara Cappuccino** (1995 registered chestnut mare, rescued 8/11/14) is being driven and ridden at her foster home and improves every time. She is an experienced driving horse who is beautiful in harness. She is still learning her job under saddle, and so far is very good at walk and trot and becoming more comfortable cantering with intermediate students. Capp is a very nice mare who is sound and sensible, a good girl who tries to understand what is wanted.
- **Chester** (1990 chestnut gelding, rehomed 11/3/13) continues to charm everyone who meets him. He is very soft and responsive to a rider, has impeccable manners, and is a fun horse to have around. Chester is having lots of fun in the snow, running and playing like a colt and making snow angels.
- **Ally** (HG Shock N' Y'All, 2004 brown mare, rescued 4/14/14) is truly enjoying driving at her foster home in Arizona! The lightweight pony cart must feel like nothing after pulling Amish buggies for years. Ally pricks her ears and trots along happily, very proud of herself. Her foster is also riding her on easy trails.
- **Star** (Wata Diamond Star, 2009 brown gelding, returned 5/15/14) shares a foster home with Ally. He has a pending adoption.

Adoptions

1. **Page Turner** (2002 bay gelding, rescued 6/30/14) was adopted by a friend of his foster mom. She met him and fell in love with his kind nature. Even his name is perfect -- his adopter is an avid reader who has taught reading impaired children and adults for over 30 years. Congratulations to Page Turner and his adopter, with best wishes that your story together is a long and enjoyable one!

2. **Valley View Crystal Rose** (2005 chestnut mare, rescued 10/6/14) is gorgeous, gaited, and foundation bred, so it wasn't surprising that there were several applications to adopt her. Choosing between multiple excellent homes is always a difficult decision for the Board because someone is sure to be disappointed, but we try to choose the best fit for the horse. Crystal's adopter is very excited about bringing her home and has a blinged-out rose-colored halter ready for her!

Committee Reports

To volunteer, please email the Board at forevermorgans@hotmail.com and we'll put you in touch with the committee chair. All of the committees can use help!

- Applicant Review: Cindy Berg, Chair - Four applications submitted and completed, 2 submitted and still being processed, 1 withdrawn
- Foster Follow Up Committee : Danny Collins, Chair – Updates requested
- Breeders/Owners Prior Record Call Back Committee : Danny Collins, Chair - Danny talked to prior owners.

Expenses

Partial list of expenses for November.

\$2,300.00	PA QT/board (10 horses for total of 230 days)
\$310.00	PA QT/board for October for failed adoption (1 horse for 31 days)
\$90.00	Fanny board, partial month (WA)
\$216.00	Reva board (\$200 + tax) (NY)
\$617.70	Duce purchase 11/2
\$35.00	Duce transport from NH 11/2
\$270.00	Song vet 11/3
\$687.13	vet PA (Superwoman, Diva, Stan, Velvet)
\$125.00	Diva transport to foster (PA-NY), 11/7
\$225.00	costs for representative to attend Superior Sale, transport Zena
\$553.73	Zena purchase 11/15 (\$500 bid, \$35 tax, \$18.73 credit card fee)
\$285.00	Fanny transport to foster (WA-OR), 11/22
\$350.00	Joseph transport to foster (PA-SC), 11/23
\$675.00	Ritz transport to foster (PA-FL), 11/25
\$67.00	vet for Sonja, HC & vax, etc.
\$54.00	vet for Zena, exam and pregnancy check
\$107.00	postage and shipping
\$39.71	PayPal fees

\$7,007.27 total

Sad News

There are times in the course of our lives when we are faced with tough decisions and often we do not understand why we are given such seemingly unfair choices. Forever Morgans Board was faced with just this type of decision recently. **Shipyards Pt Vibrant Song**, a lovely horse, a kind, gentle, sweet mare who everyone adored, was living in pain with no relief in sight. Rescued in the beginning of 2013, we sent her

to an excellent foster home about a year ago with high hopes for a life where she would be loved and cherished, could rehabilitate her injuries, and possibly even return to the show ring. Although she was most definitely well loved she was always in great pain. We all tried to find a way for her to live comfortably and happily, but ultimately we were unsuccessful in finding relief for her. Her daily life continued to consist of the least amount of movement because moving hurt and medicine didn't help enough. After much discussion with her fosters and with her vet it was decided that the greatest kindness we could do her was to help her cross the Bridge to green, pain-free pastures. With sadness in our hearts, knowing she would be so missed by many but also knowing it was what was best for her, Song was laid to rest on November 3, 2014. We feel blessed to have known this mare, blessed that she left us with her foal FMRescue Sailor, and blessed that she was loved and cared for by a wonderful group of fosters at DCT Farm. Run free, Song, you will be forever remembered.

AMHA Convention

FM will have a booth at the AMHA Awards Gala and Convention in Minneapolis February 27-28. We're celebrating ten years of saving Morgans! The FM booth will have information on what FM does and how to volunteer, photos and info on the current available horses, FM merchandise for sale, and stories and photos of some of the over 350 horses saved. Please plan to stop by if you'll be at the convention, and consider helping out at the booth!

Holiday Shopping

FM still has 2015 calendars, fleece jackets, totes, and t-shirts for the Morgan-lover on your Christmas list. Buying FM merchandise provides funds for the organization and helps spread the word about FM. Go to <http://forevermorgans.org/support.htm> to order.

For all of your holiday shopping, if you shop on amazon.com you can donate money to FM without costing you a penny! Forever Morgans is a registered charity with the AmazonSmile program. Just go to AmazonSmile.com, select Forever Morgans as your selected charity, and they will give .5% of your purchase to FM! It's easiest if you put it on your favorites bar, then you don't have to do it each time. It doesn't cost you anything and FM gets money! What other reason do you need to shop?